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1. The following priests, living in Communist-controlled areas of South Vietnam, have broken all relations with their Catholic superiors in Vietnam:

Curacy of Saigon

1. Joachim Nguyen Ba Luat, chaplain of the Ve Quoc Doan (regular forces) in South Vietnam.
2. Pierre Nguyen Ba Kinh, recently seen at Thala (106-28, 10-55).
3. Andre Nguyen Ba Sang, now in prison at Chi Hoa (106-39, 10-46).

The above three priests are brothers.

4. Thomas Luong Minh Ky, travels through Intersectors IX and X.
5. Paul Le Dinh Hien, travels through Intersectors VIII and IX.
6. Joseph Huynh Kim Duc, recently seen at Tan Long, Thu Dau Mot.
7. Joseph Nguyen Van Tung, recently seen at Tan Long, Thu Dau Mot.

Curacy of Vinh Long

8. Jean Baptiste Pham Van Bia
9. Antoine Nguyen Kim Nui
10. Jean Baptiste Ho Thanh Bien
11. Barthelemy Tran Quang Nghiem
12. Pierre Vo Thanh Trinh.
13. Charles Nguyen Ngoc To, lives in Luong Tam (105-25, 9-37). To is extremely old and respected by Democratic Republic of Vietnam officials.

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2. Priests of the Vinh Long curacy who have remained faithful to Bishop Ngo Dinh Thuc maintain a semi-clandestine liaison with the Catholic population of Communist-controlled territory. They are able to travel from one zone to the other without hindrance from Communist or French authorities.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. This same source reports that the Vietnamese Surete chief, Nguyen Van Tam, is attempting to create a Catholic zone in the western provinces of Mytho, Cantho and Vinh Long, similar to that of Col. Leroy in the Ben Tre area.

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